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Dear Ms Hefferon,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 9 October to George Hollingbery about a potential levy on disposable plastic cups. Your letter has been passed to the Treasury. As it is not practical for Ministers to respond personally to all the correspondence they receive, I have been asked to reply.

Many of those who responded to the government's call for evidence specifically highlighted disposable cups as a problematic item, highlighting the fact that they are difficult to recycle due to their plastic lining. The government recognises the problems caused by disposable cups, which are difficult to recycle and often littered.

However, the government has concluded that a levy on all cups would not at this time be effective in encouraging widespread reuse. Businesses are already taking steps to limit their environmental impact, but the government expects industry to go further and will return to the issue if sufficient progress is not made. In the meantime, the government will look in the Resources and Waste Strategy at the best way to tackle the environmental impact of cups.

Thank you for raising your concerns about the impact that a levy on cups would have on the vending economy.

Yours sincerely,

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